Columbia Gorge CWMA
Pulling Together Initiative Project

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CWMA Overview

The Columbia Gorge Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) is a voluntary network of public and private interests in Northwestern Oregon and Southwestern Washington that are concerned with management of invasive plants.

The CG-CWMA seeks to prevent the introduction and control the spread of the most harmful invasive plant species by facilitating cooperative management amongst willing land owners and managers.

Project Overview

The CG-CWMA received a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Pulling Together Initiative grant award, “The Columbia River Gorge EDRR Project”, administered by the Hood River SWCD for the CWMA.

Objectives

- Facilitate data sharing between partners; by inventorying 40 high risk areas and collection of “legacy data” from partners to input into iMapInvasives and to share with Washington State.
- Install trailhead boot brushes and signs at 25 sites, to prevent invasive plant introduction and spread.
- Perform 4 “weed watcher” trainings within the CWMA region.

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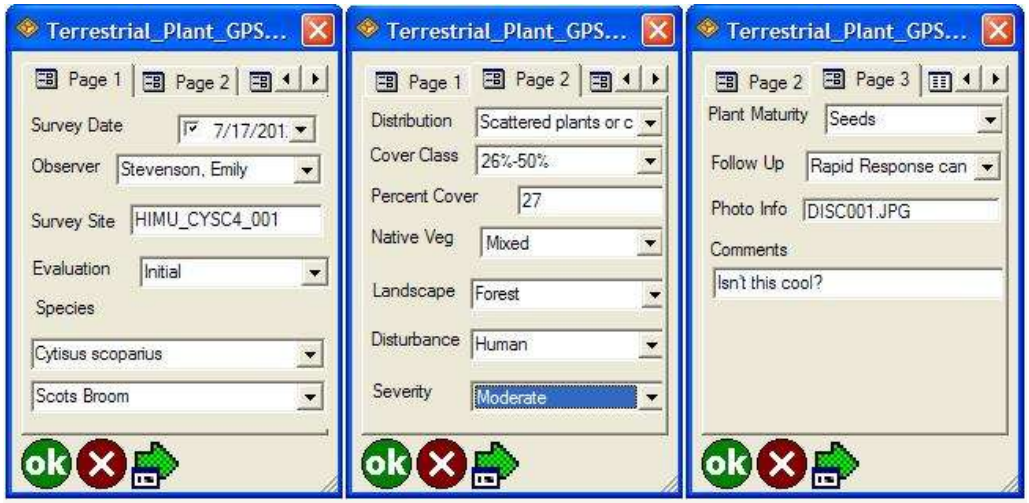
Survey/Legacy Data Collection



Compilation of partner infestation data, input to iMapInvasives and shared with Washington State Department of Agriculture.

Creation of iMapinvasives based ArcPad shapefile forms for inventory and treatment, for standardized data collection groupwide.

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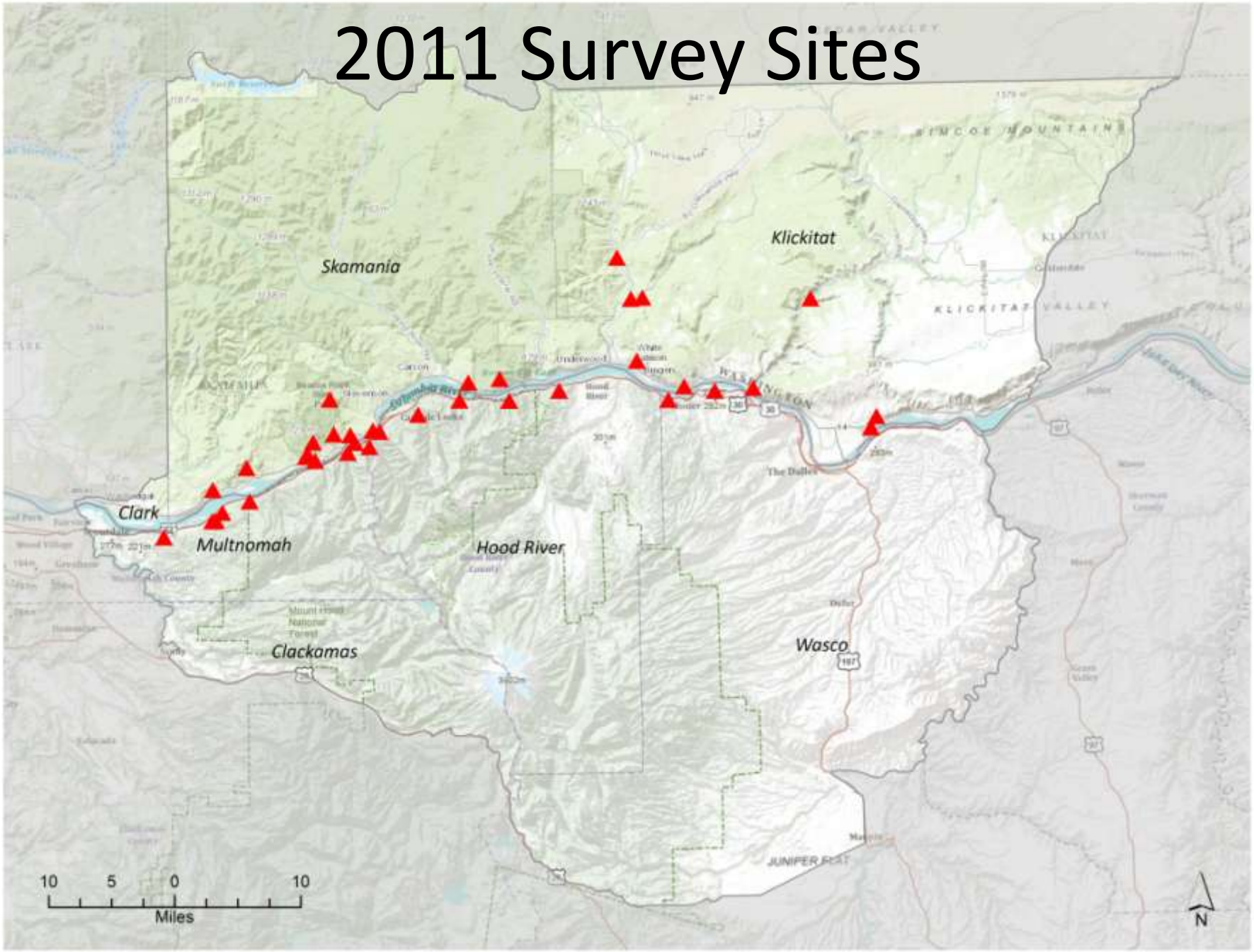

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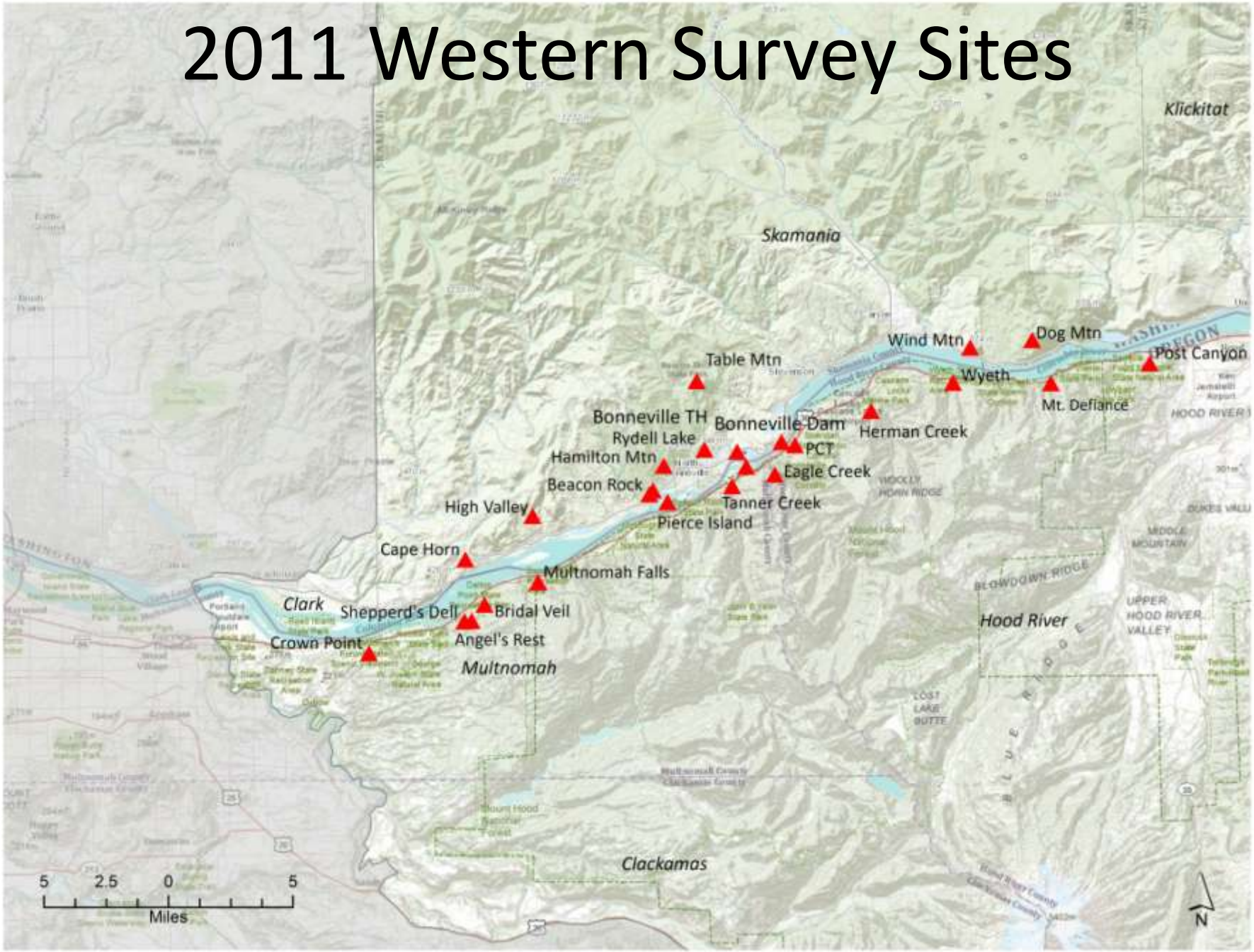

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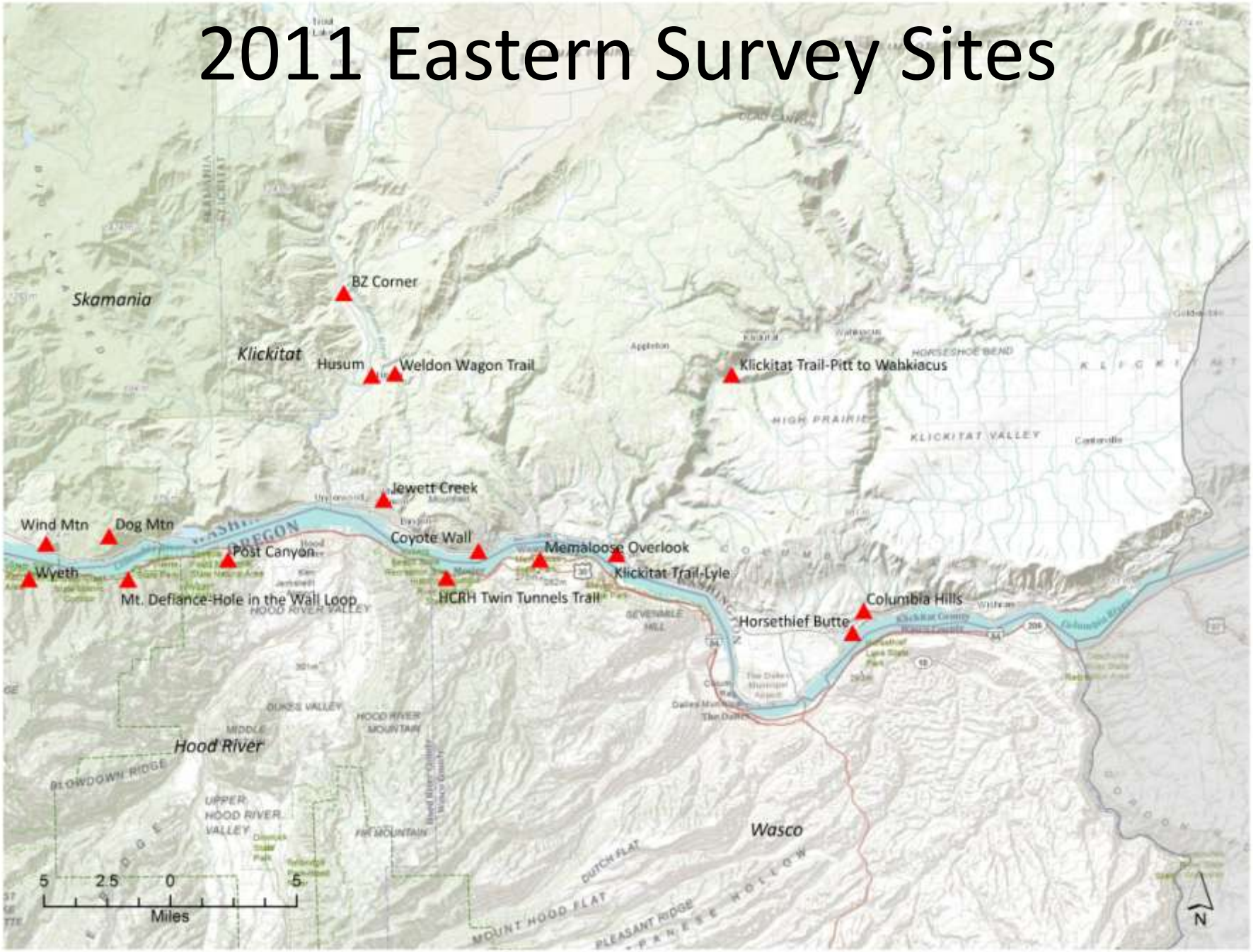

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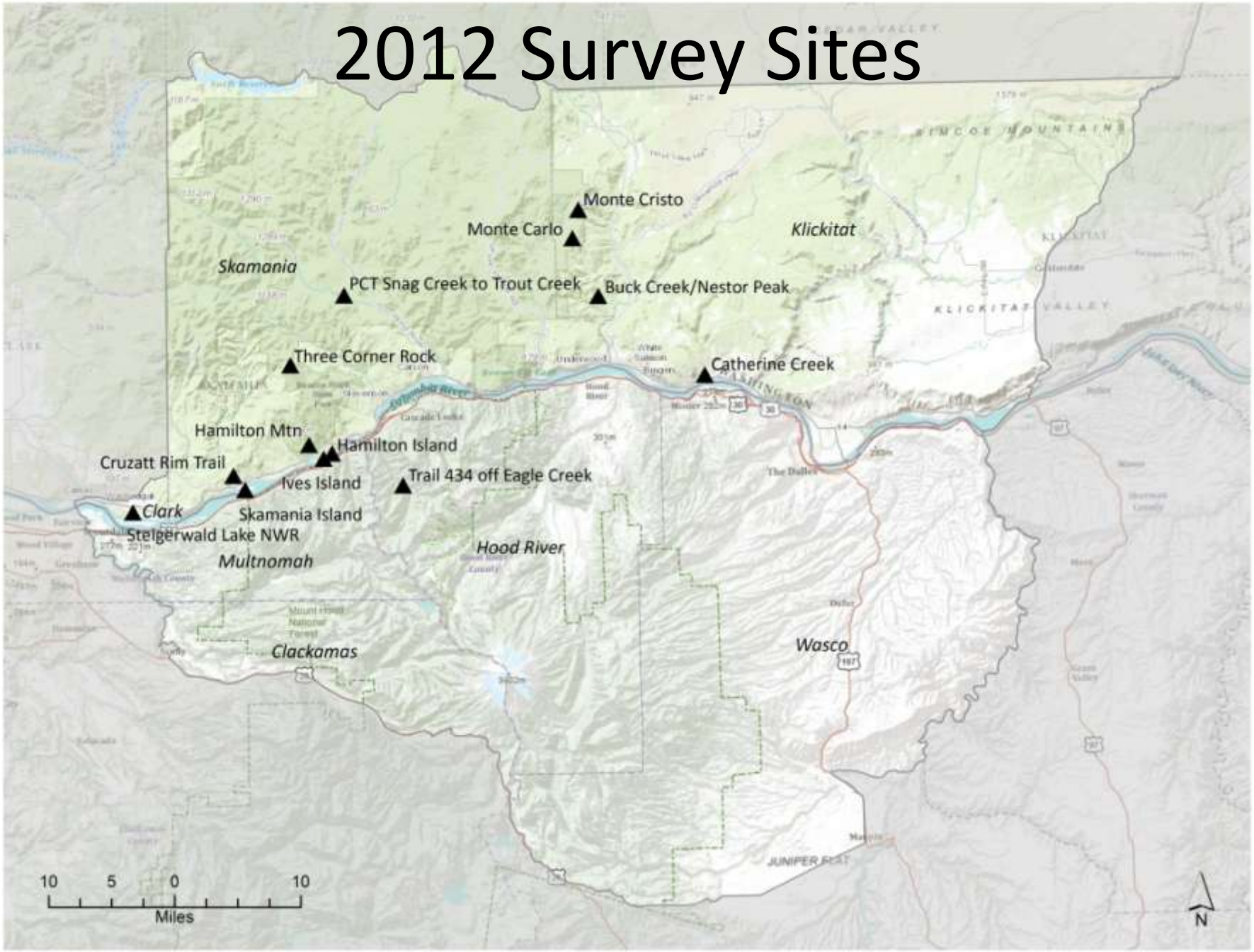

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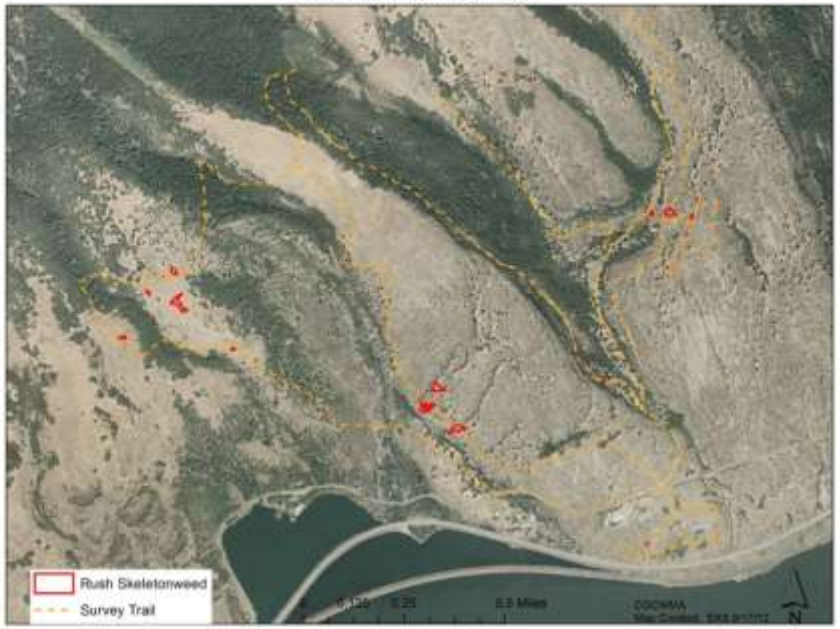
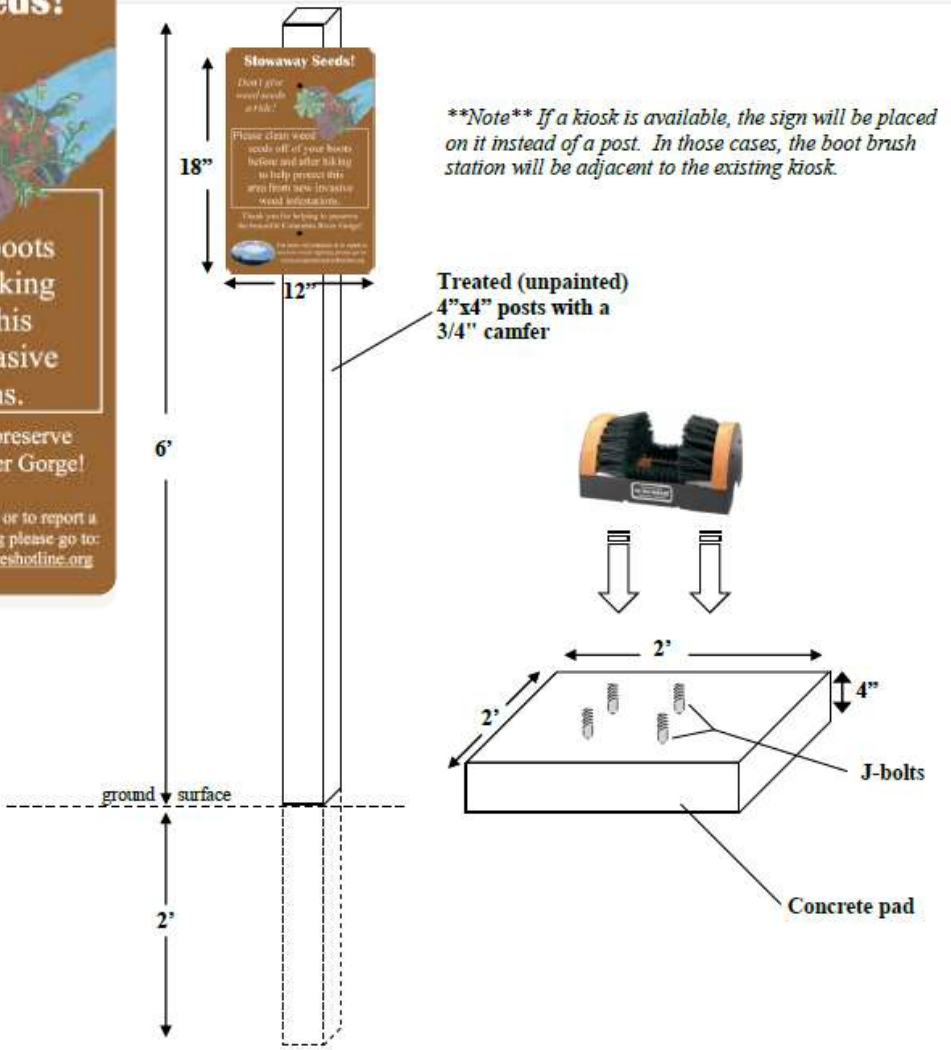


2012 Ives Island Survey

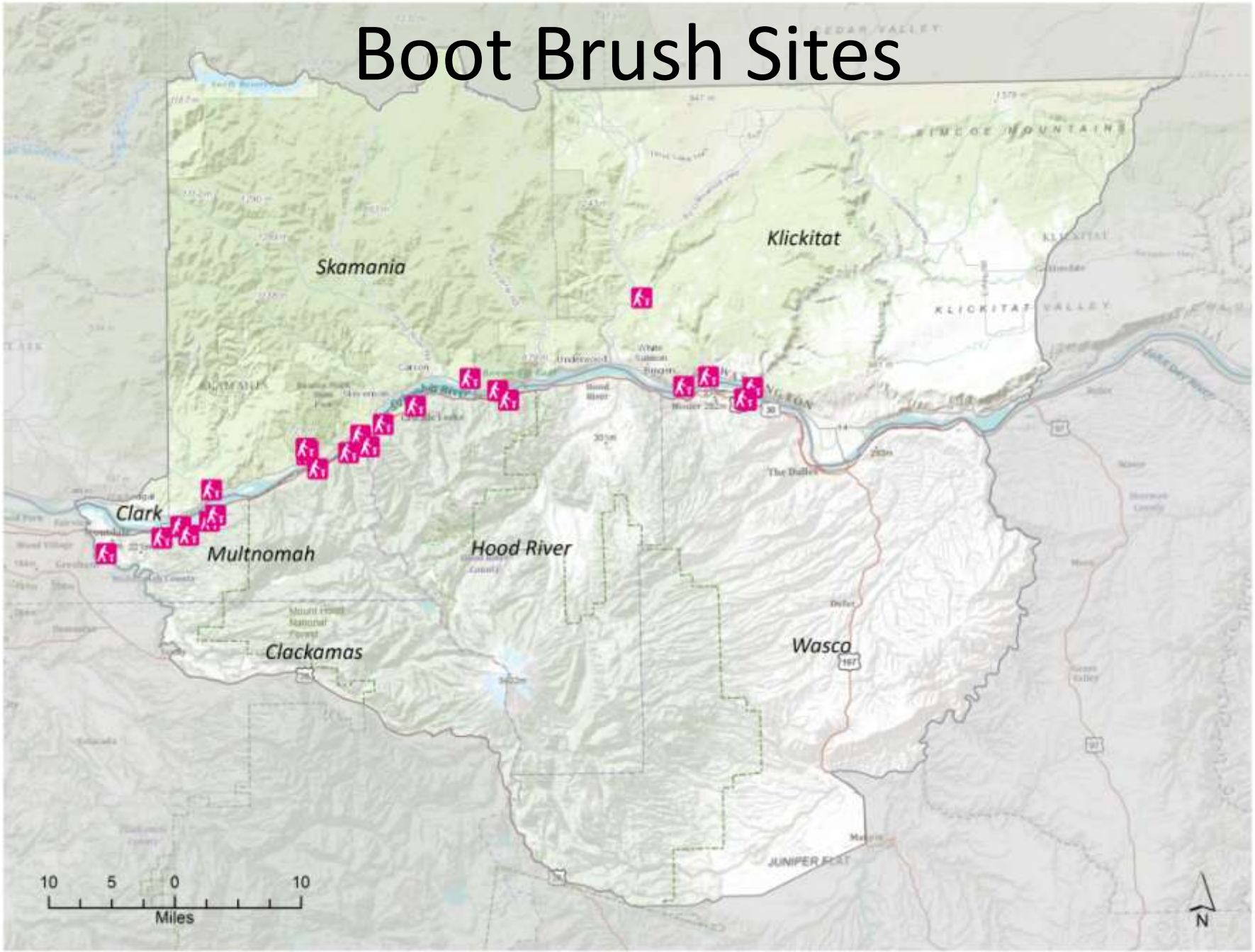
Coyote Wall Rush Skeletonweed Survey

Cruzatt Rim Trail Invasive Plant Inventory

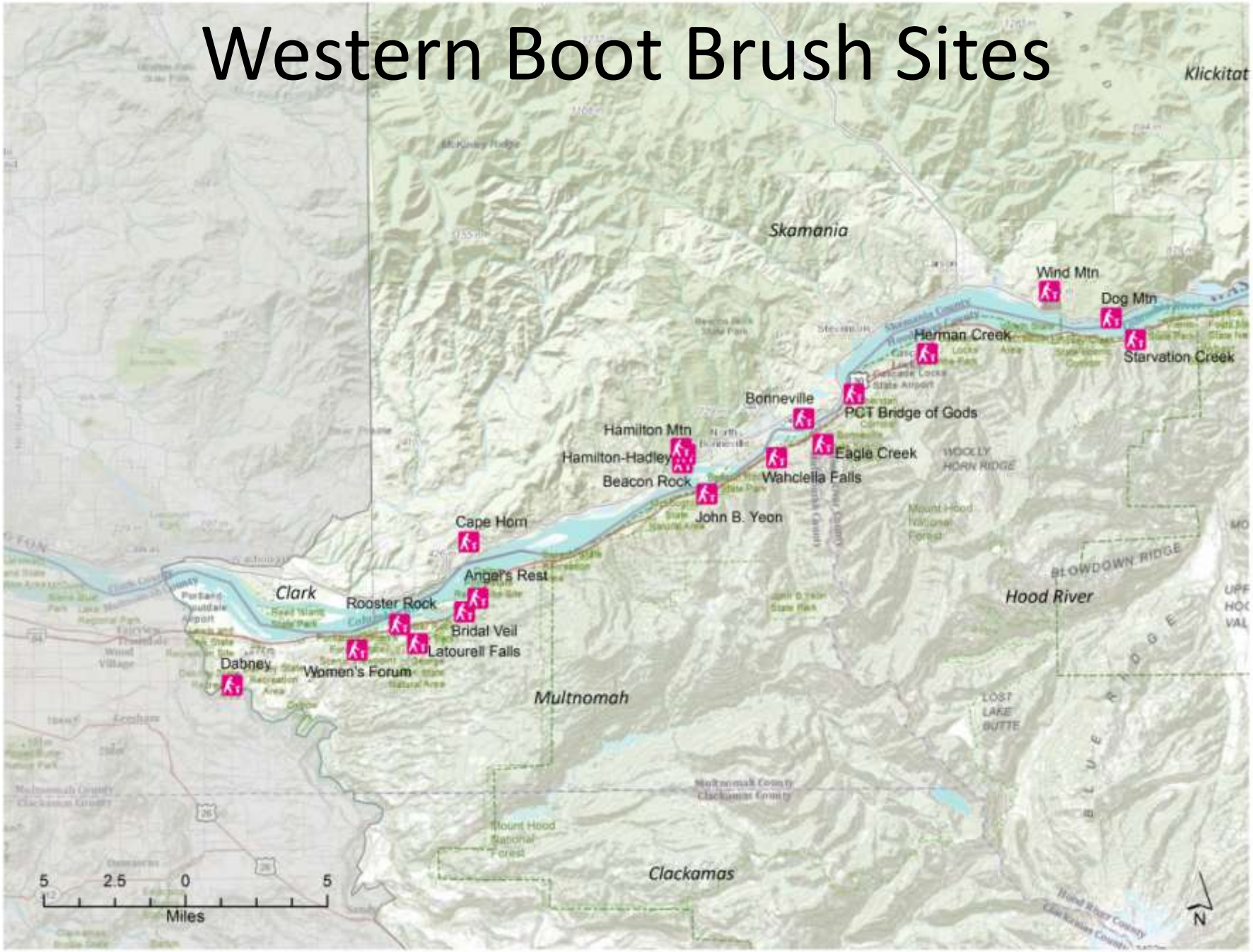
Prevention: Trailhead Boot Brushes



Boot Brush Sites



Western Boot Brush Sites



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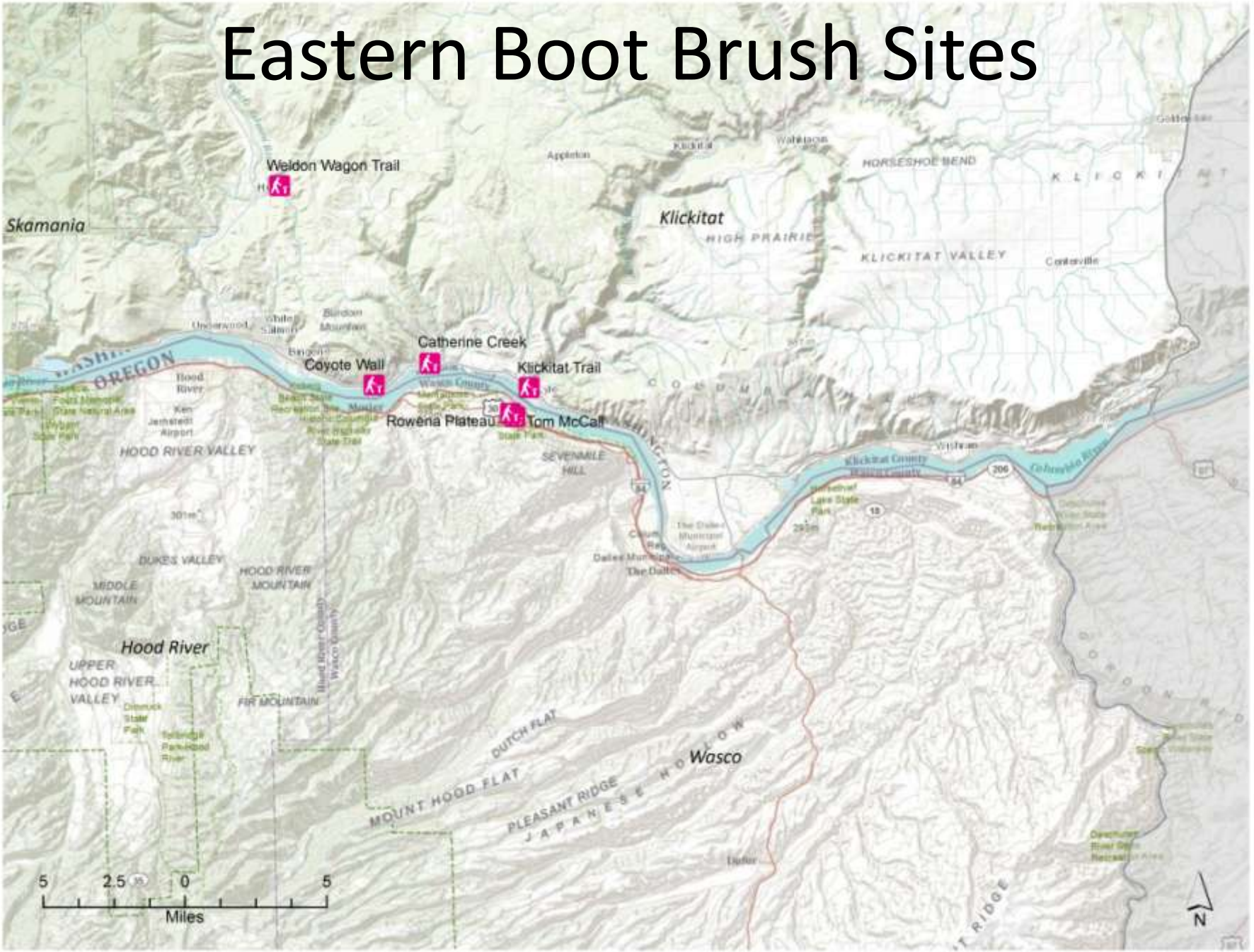


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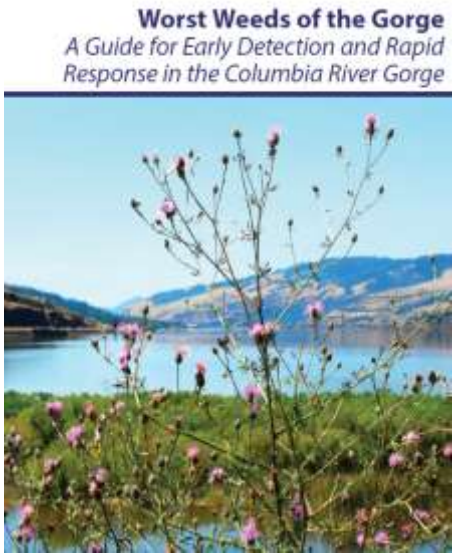
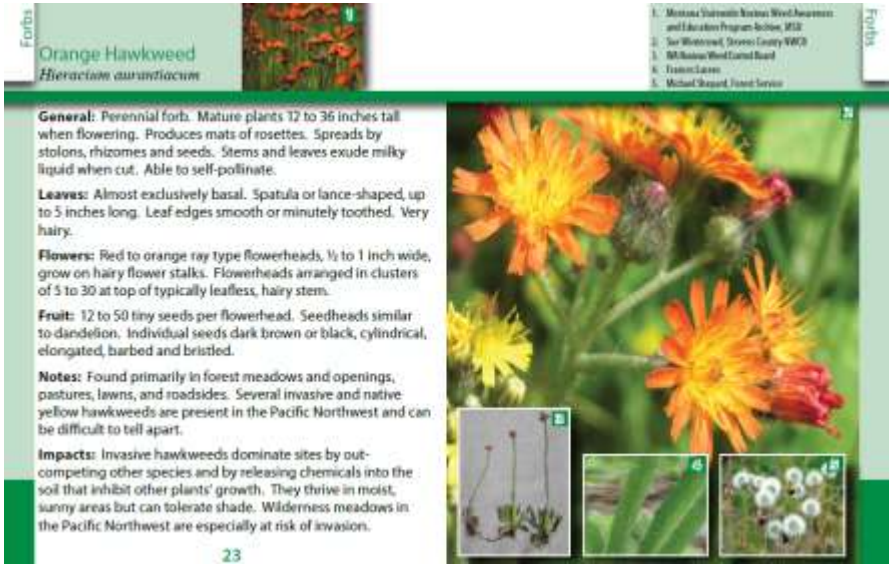
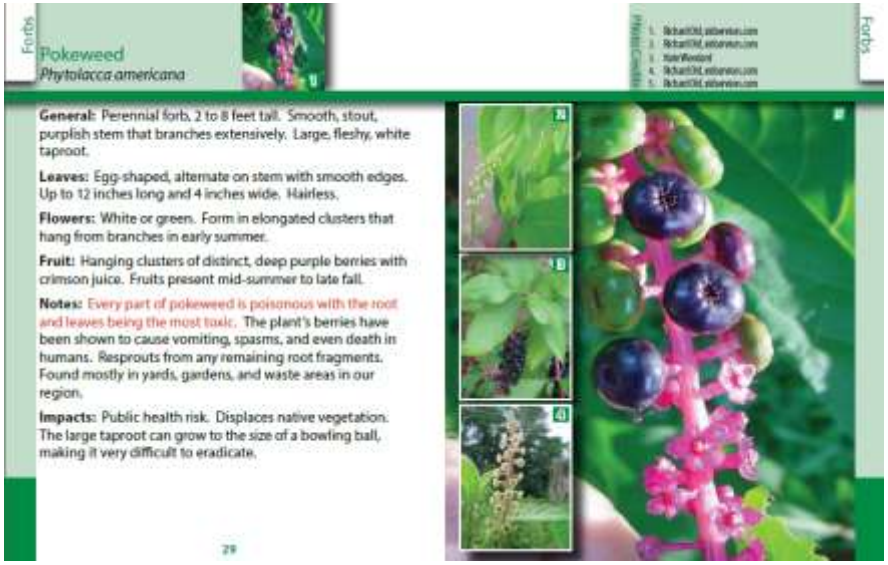
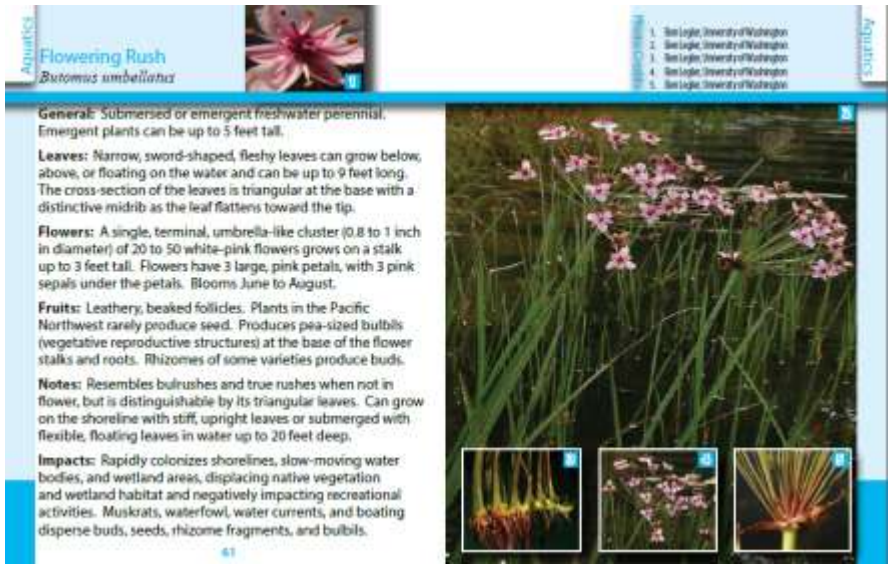
Outreach: Trainings/Field Guide

Download the guide digitally here!









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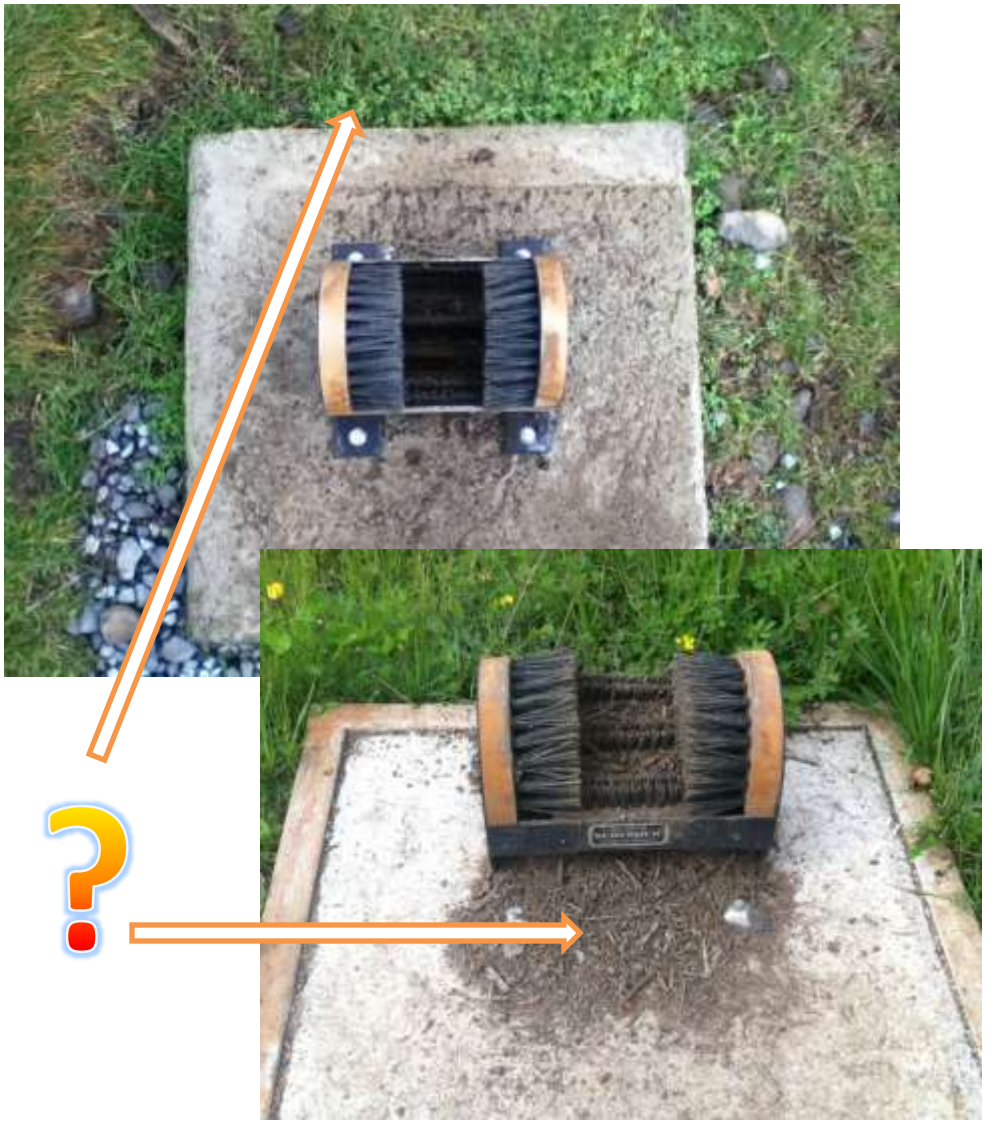
OPB's Oregon Field Guide

http://www.opb.org/programs/ofg/segments/view/1836

Lessons Learned



Plan for boot brush repair and maintenance.

Plan for EDRR monitoring and control at boot brush sites.

Receiving legacy data from 20+ CWMA partners and transforming it to one standard can be time consuming.

Permitting to install signs and brushes in 5 counties, a national scenic area and two states can take a lot of time.

Project Wrap-up

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Actual

- Inventoried 49 total sites. Input partner data into iMapInvasives and shared with Washington State.
- Installed 25 trailhead boot brushes and signs.
- Performed 6 “weed watcher” trainings, including one with over 100 participants.

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Questions/Comments

SAVE THE DATE!

March 21th, 2013 – 9:00am to 4:30pm

2nd Annual Columbia Gorge
Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop

Please join us for the second annual invasive species workshop in the Columbia River Gorge. This exciting workshop will focus on invasive plant control, invasive species and early detection of exotic pests. It is designed to provide new and best management practice information. Participants who are certified applicators may earn up to 7 Oregon or Washington State recertification credits.

For registration information, email Justin Bush at bush@co.skamania.wa.us or phone (509) 427-3941.

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Topics:

Identification & detection of exotic pests

Municipal approaches to multi-taxa invasive management

Myths and misconceptions about herbicide technology

IPM of butterfly bush or other woody perennials

Nuts and bolts of biological control

Control of shade tolerant plants

Early detection lessons from New England

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